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20 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus

FROM: Chief, FBIS

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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction

GENERAL

1. The Okinawa cruising monitor, [ ] completed his survey of Indochinese radio output, while on temporary duty in Saigon. The Saigon Bureau was authorized to hire two additional local employees and additional monitoring equipment was provided. It was found that all clandestine coverage is being withheld by the French. Ten daily broadcasts are being monitored directly by FBIS in Saigon. [ ]

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2. The Special Assistant for Intelligence, DD/I, expressed appreciation for the selective FBIS wire service to his office which was initiated in April, and stated that the Director personally reads 90 per cent of the material furnished. [ ]

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3. NCNA Peking shifted to summer frequencies on 25 May, eliminating the problem at West Coast Bureau of interference by the USAF Amateur Affiliated Radio System (MARS), which has previously been called to the attention of USAF. This information was passed to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, pointing out that it may, however, represent only a temporary alleviation of the difficulty. [ ]

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4. FBID cooperated with OSI and ORR in study of aerial photos of new high-power transmitters along the Fukien coast of China, and established a watch at the Okinawa Bureau for their transmissions. These stations appear to be designed for broadcasting but have characteristics for potential guidance of a Formosa invasion fleet. On 1 May eight new transmissions appearing to emanate from this area were detected. [ ]

5. Army Communications Staff in the Pentagon recently liberalized its attitude toward FBIS traffic, and informally authorized for use under appropriate circumstances the "operational immediate" precedence by FBIS Bureaus. This will facilitate the dispatch of vital information from FBIS Bureaus. Appropriate instructions were issued to field bureaus. The

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highest precedence previously authorized was "priority." [redacted]

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6. A request was received from G-2 for all material broadcast by the American POW defectors of the Korean War who are now in Communist China or elsewhere in the Communist world. The officer responsible for this program in G-2 expressed great appreciation for the service rendered thus far by FBID in the Korean POW cases. [redacted]

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7. The Okinawa emergency complement was augmented by two dictaphone recorders, in order to increase the capacity of the equipment available for emergency operation in Bangkok, should such an operation become necessary. If Saigon becomes untenable and none of its equipment can be salvaged, the Okinawa and Tokyo emergency complements will provide equipment for six simultaneous operations. [redacted]

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8. The FBIS survey in Puerto Rico in connection with the establishment of a Latin American cruising post was completed by [redacted] [redacted] An available building was found at Fort Buchanan, near San Juan, which would require modifications approximating \$1,000. The establishment of a post at this location has not yet been decided. [redacted]

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9. Okinawa Construction [redacted]

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a. All houses under project DD/I-156-54 were occupied and this project is virtually completed. Nine quonset houses are being removed in preparation for construction of six duplex and two four-man DOQ structures under project DD/I-172-55.

b. Installation of an underground connection to the island power system was 95 per cent complete on 31 May.

c. The well and water supply system at the operations site was 80 per cent complete on 31 May. All materials for this job have been received.

10. Detailed planning for expansion of FBID into additional space in Quarters Eye was completed. This expansion will take place about 1 July, and will involve moving the Broadcast Information and Technical Information Sections to new space in the central headhouse area. [redacted]

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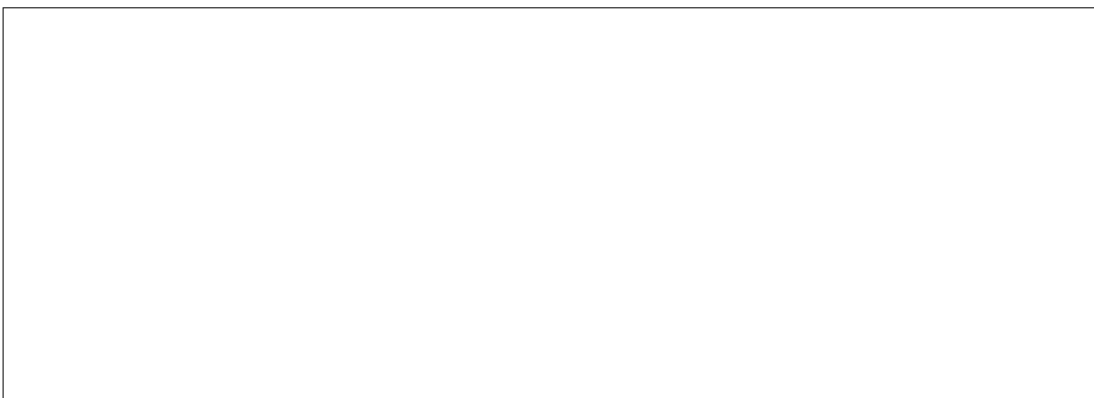
EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General

a. During the 29-week period 18 October 1954 to 6 May 1955, FBIS produced an average of 1,156 economic abstracts each week. The production of these items, routine and unspectacular as it may be, in an important function, and the series of cards is a valuable contribution to the resources of U. S. Intelligence. Forty-two sets of the buff colored Communist Far East cards and forty-one sets of the orange-colored USSR and Satellite cards are prefaced for distribution to users in the Defense and State Department, our own organization, and other agencies.

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2. London Bureau

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a. It is suggested that items which contain information about high-level Soviet personalities not be briefed: for example, a recent brief concerning a meeting between Khrushchev and Peng Te-huai would have been more desirable in textual form.

b. Inasmuch as receipt of the Central Press Review is often delayed by communications and as there is a possibility that an important item may be overlooked, it is suggested that really significant items be texted and filed separately in addition to regular filing of the Press Review.

c. To facilitate publication, it would be more convenient if TASS Dictation and Home Service briefs were not mixed with TASS Russian briefs.

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d. Adherence to customary practice of indicating duration of gaps due to unintelligibility where possible generally and especially in such major items as Siroky's 24 May speech would forestall consumer queries following publication.

3. German Bureau

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a. It is requested that the total number of papers scrutinized be indicated in the daily press review's breakdown of topics frontpaged by the West German press. Otherwise, a statement such as "sixteen papers carry frontpage reports on the Belgrade negotiations" implies that only sixteen of all West German papers dealt with the subject.

4. East and West Coast Bureaus

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a. The deadline for the Latin American edition of the DAILY REPORT is 1300 GMT, very early in the work day. To speed up preparation of copy for this section, the following procedures in handling Latin American copy are requested: (a) File Voice and Press briefs separately, arranging them approximately in order of importance; (b) Break lengthy and involved sentences into shorter ones with stress on idiomatic English; and (c) Proof copy as sent in order to correct dropped lines and like mistakes without need of query from Washington.

5. West Coast and Okinawa Bureaus

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a. West Coast editors are reminded to substitute the proper place, ~~name~~ and date for the adverbs "here" and "today" when datelines have been eliminated in the rewriting of news items for briefs. The Bureau's growing practice of indicating by editorial note that a brief is full text or approximate text is greatly appreciated.

b. Discrepancies have been observed between West Coast and Okinawa versions of Taipei and Peking English-language broadcasts. In some cases these discrepancies involve significant words or passages; for example, in a Taipei English commentary on crop failures in South China, one Bureau's text said that "a rich" harvest would come in June, whereas the other Bureau had Taipei referring to the "next" harvest in June. Editors are urged to study carefully all key words and to recheck with monitors when critical intelligence is concerned.

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT

1. As a general rule for selecting from Moscow broadcasts, Far East bureaus should file pertinent material about Asia, in spite of the fact that possibly the item may also be processed from a Home or European Service broadcast at another bureau. Okinawa, for example, should automatically file PRAVDA material on Cambodia. It is frequently most rewarding to study what Moscow has to say about an area in broadcasts to the area rather than in broadcasts beamed elsewhere.

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2. Incomplete answers to Radio Propaganda Branch messages occasionally cause confusion and require further exchanges; this could be avoided if responses would address themselves directly to each point raised rather than assuming that one broad answer will cover the issue. Two recent examples: A request that Moscow Home, Slovene, Macedonian and Hungarian versions of an item be checked elicited a response dealing only with the latter three, and a further exchange was required to determine Home Service treatment; a request that "all repeat all" items on a commentary list, including five particularly suspect ones, be checked met a response dealing only with the five and giving no indication that the remainder of the list had been checked and again a further exchange was necessary. On the other hand, bureaus should not hesitate to request clarification or amplification of any Branch message which appears imprecise or ambiguous.

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3. Bureaus' excellent handling of the Belgrade Conference was reflected in full coverage, extensive and discerning FYI's and thoughtful editor's notes which contributed materially to a Branch report. The combined operation suggests the potentiality of close editor-analyst teamwork.

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4. A dispatch from the Moscow Embassy to the Department of State commended FBIS analytic work, especially on problems of the Soviet leadership and in addition several of the Ambassador's cablegrams have recently cited the Survey of USSR Broadcasts or Radio Propaganda Reports.

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5. All bureaus contributed to a Radio Propaganda Report on world comment anticipating the Big-Four talks; studies carried out in Kyrenia provided the basis for a Report on Soviet broadcasts to Middle East ethnic minorities; and considerable spadework was done by London for a Report on Kaganovich's ad lib departures from the official text of his

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Prague speech. Other Reports analyzed some aspects of Peking propaganda on Formosa, Soviet propaganda on the Austrian problem, and North Korean May Day slogans. [redacted]

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6. Typescript papers reviewing Communist comment on Big-Four talks and Sino-Soviet propaganda on the Warsaw conference and a Report on North Vietnam's propaganda attitude toward the French were prepared as background for the Director's weekly briefing of the NSC. Another paper outlined Communist and Western radio comment anticipating the Geneva conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy. [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATION

1. There appears to be an influx of incorrectly taken fingerprints. Personnel taking fingerprints should exercise care so that the prints are legible. [redacted]

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2. The following FBIS issuances have not previously been reported: [redacted]

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3. It is expected that the time required to receive a passport or a renewal will be increased considerably. Therefore, personnel should make application as early as possible prior to travel to and from overseas stations. [redacted]

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4. Logistic support for the Hokkaido Bureau was officially transferred to Far East Air Forces from Army Forces, Far East. [redacted]

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5. Chief, FBID, completed his inspection trip of all overseas field bureaus on 23 May. [redacted]

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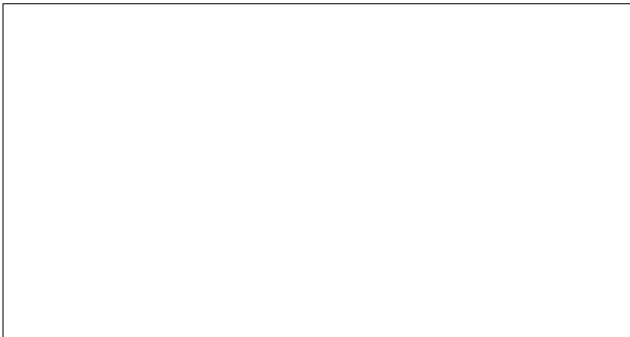
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PERSONNEL CHANGES



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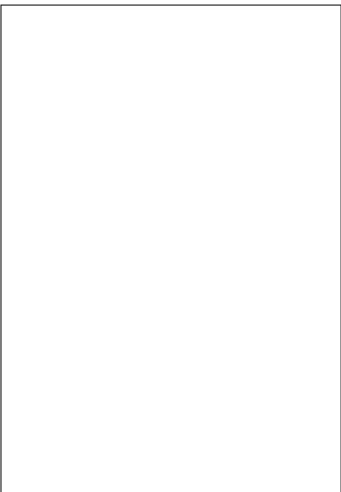


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Mediterranean Bureau  
Radio Propaganda Branch  
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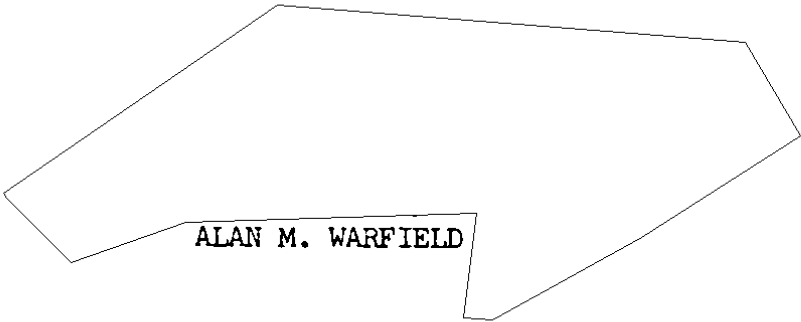


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